

Implementation of tribal development programmes

†1641. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribal development programmes are being implemented at a very slow pace;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any special steps to expedite them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The tribal development programmes are implemented primarily through the State Governments/UT Administrations. The major problem faced in implementation of tribal development programmes implemented through this Ministry is late release of funds by the State Government concerned.

We are trying to speed up process of implementation of schemes by taking up the matter with the Finance and Planning Departments of the State Governments and through visits by officers of the Ministry to discuss the matter with the Chief Secretary and other officials of the State Governments to ensure prompt release of funds by the State Governments to the Departments who would be executing the schemes in the field.

Periodic meetings with the State Government officials are also held to review the progress of implementation.

Modification of Tribal Area Development Scheme

†1642. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to modify the existing Tribal Area Development Scheme by linking it with upliftment of tribal people;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) No specific "Tribal Area Development Scheme", is under implementation by

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the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However, the Ministry is implementing several Central Sector & Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the educational, economic and social upliftment of the tribal people important amongst them are:

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan of States/UTs
2. Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution
3. Vocational training in Tribal Areas
4. Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce operations
5. Development of Primitive Tribe Groups
6. Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students
7. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for welfare of STs
8. Upgradation of Merit of ST Students
9. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for development of women's literacy
10. Construction of Girls Hostels for STs
11. Construction of Boys Hostels of STs
12. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan areas
13. Grants to Tribal Research Institutes
14. Book Bank Scheme for ST Students
15. Coaching and Allied Scheme for STs
16. Village Grain Bank Scheme
17. Assistance to State Tribal Development Finance Corporations
18. National Overseas Scholarship scheme for STs
19. Price Support to TRIFED

Proposal to increase the number of post-matric scholarships for ST students

1643. **SHRI ANANTA SETHI:** Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to increase the post-matric scholarship for the ST students has not been considered since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;